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TO: Senator Chris Larson

Room 206 South, State Capitol

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Non-Fiscal Policy Items Contained in 2009 Act 28

At your request, this office has prepared this attached list of non-fiscal policy items that are contained in 2009 Act 28 (the 2009-11 budget). The list is comprised of items that are primarily of a non-fiscal nature and not clearly related to the state's fiscal programs for the 2009-11 biennium.

Putting such a list together always requires some subjective judgment on which items should be identified. Arguments could be made to expand the list beyond what is presented here or to delete some items from it. However, in preparing the attached list, this office applied the same criteria that it has used in previous biennia when identifying provisions of the budget bill as non-fiscal policy items.

The criteria used are as follows: (1) generally, the item has no state fiscal effect; (2) if there is a state fiscal effect associated with an item, the policy implications of the provision outweigh any potential fiscal effect; (3) the item has been, or is, the subject of separate, non-budget legislation; and (4) the item is one that typically would be reviewed by a standing committee of the Legislature. Items that typically are not included on the list are those that: (1) affect state program eligibility; (2) would generally be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance if introduced as separate legislation; and (3) address a reorganization or transfer of state government operations or functions.

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NON-FISCAL POLICY ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

General Agency Provisions

• Medal for Firefighters

Office of Justice Assistance

• Drug Testing Restrictions for Treatment, Alternative and Diversion Programs

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children and Families

- Child Welfare Alternative Response Pilot Program
- Child Safety Alarms in Child Care Vehicles

Economic Support and Child Care

• Collective Bargaining for Day Care Providers

CIRCUIT COURTS

• Expunging Record of Conviction

CORRECTIONS

Sentencing Modifications

• Sentencing Guideline and Explanation of Sentences

Adult Community Corrections

• Home Detention Programs

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

- Retirement Eligibility for Educational Support Personnel
- Early Retirement Creditable Service Calculations for Certain Part-Time Employees

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

- Repeal QEO Provisions
- Duration of Collective Bargaining Agreements for School District Employees
- Combining Collective Bargaining Units of School District Employees
- Weighting of Factors Considered in Arbitration Awards for School District Employees
- Technical Correction to Definition of Collective Bargaining

GENERAL FUND TAXES

Excise Taxes and Regulation of Alcohol and Tobacco

- Municipal Liquor Licenses
- Alcohol Sales and Heritage Hill State Historical Park
- Manufacturer and Rectifier Retail Sales, Winery Permits, and Sampling of Intoxicating Liquor
- Tribal Municipal Beer and Liquor Permits
- Municipal Liquor Licenses -- Capital Improvement Areas

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Establishment of Domestic Partnership and Related Rights and Benefits
- City of Milwaukee Appropriation Obligation Bonding Authority
- Successor Asbestos-Related Liability
- Regulation of Fireworks
- Tenant Protections in Foreclosure Actions
- Payment of a Police Officer's Salary After Discharge in a First Class City

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Restriction on Board Legal Counsel and Division Administrators

HEALTH SERVICES

Public Health

- Patient Health Care Records
- Maximum Fee for Expedited Issuance of a Marriage License
- Exemption from Lifeguard Staffing Requirement

Quality Assurance, Disabilities, and Substance Abuse

• Wisconsin Quality Home Care

INSURANCE

- Health Insurance Coverage -- Coverage Requirements for Dependents
- Independent Review of Coverage Denial Determinations and Rescissions
- Individual Health Policies -- Modifications at Renewals
- Individual Health Insurance Policies -- Preexisting Condition Exclusions
- Individual Health Insurance Policies -- Uniform Application
- Individual Health Insurance Policies -- Cancellation and Rescission Reports
- Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Uninsured, Underinsured and Medical Payments Coverage
- Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Umbrella and Excess Liability Insurance
- Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Proof of Financial Responsibility
- Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Prohibited Policy Provisions
- Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Prohibition on High-Risk Classification
- Health Insurance Coverage -- Contraceptives
- Health Insurance Coverage -- Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Health Insurance Coverage -- Services Provided by Licensed Mental Health Professionals

INVESTMENT BOARD

• Investment Board Use of Interns

NATURAL RESOURCES

Departmentwide

• Stewardship Legislative Review

Water Quality

Great Lakes Compact, Water Use, and Water Supply Plan Deadlines and Requirements

OFFICE OF STATE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

- Collective Bargaining Rights for University of Wisconsin System Faculty and Academic Staff
- Collective Bargaining Rights for UW System Research Assistants

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

School District Operations

- Private School Transportation Provided Through Parent Contracts
- MPS School Construction Projects

Choice and Charter

- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Assessments, Promotion, and Standards
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- School Accreditation
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Staff Credentials
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Hours of Pupil Instruction
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Provision of Information
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Pupil Records
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Pupil Participation in Religious Activities
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Priority Under Enrollment Limit
- · Charter School Established by an American Indian Tribe
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program -- Required Meetings

REGULATION AND LICENSING

• Pharmacy Duty to Fulfill Prescriptions

SHARED REVENUE AND TAX RELIEF

Property Taxation

- Property Tax Exemption for Certain Types of Housing
- Property Tax Exemption for Student Housing
- One-Year Extension of TIF Districts for Affordable Housing Purposes

Property Tax Credits

• First Dollar Credit -- Distribution of Credits to Counties

Local Revenue Options

• Expansion of Premier Resort Area Tax

TRANSPORTATION

Local Transportation Assistance

- Regional Transit Authorities
- Railroad Project Bidding Requirements

State Highway Program

- Borrow Pits for State Highway Construction Projects
- Truck Weight Provisions
- Overweight Truck Permits for Specified Purposes in Racine and Kenosha Counties

Motor Vehicles

- Mandatory Auto Insurance
- Milwaukee Brewers License Plate
- Contracting with Law Enforcement for Driver's Licensing Tests

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

• Conflict of Interest for UW System Employees

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

 Equal Rights Labor Standards -- Local and Municipal Public Works Project Prevailing Wage Applicability Thresholds, Records, and Publicly Funded Private Construction Projects